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The Church and Field.

We are informed that interesting news from the Philadelphia church is forthcoming.

Bro. E. B. Shaver is doing good work in Virginia. He will be reinforced by Bro. Mallott presently.

The Meyersdale Commercial used its scissors freely on the College Record last week. We are glad to notice that Western Pa. is interested in Ashland College.

Bro. Bashor is expected to preach the dedicatory sermon at Masontown, Pa., September 13. We expect he will be present, also at the Sunday School Convention on the 11th and 12th.

Bro. Mason still believes in taking a vacation. We have no doubt he needs to go abroad to do a little preaching, and if that is what he means to do, we are agreed. We will allow him to preach in the shade at Ashland.

We learn through our esteemed exchange, the Meyersdale [Pa.] Commercial, that Elder J. A. Miller is conducting a successful Sunday School at Summit Mills, and that the Brethren minister at Myersdale, exchanges pulpits occasionally with the minister at Saulsbury.

The Brethren's meeting houses in Somerset County, are used for various good purposes outside the regular appointments. Last Sunday the Meyersdale house was the scene of a Union Sunday school exercise; and a few weeks ago, the Berlin house was used for the closing exercises of the Berlin Normal School. Well there is nothing in the "minits" to prevent it.

We have on hand quite a stock of manuscript on the question, pro and con, of the soul's future condition. The writers on this subject must not be disappointed if their manuscript will not appear in type for some time, if at all. We hope, during the delay, they will not neglect to obey the Gospel of Christ in this life, so that they may be prepared for eternity whether the souls of the wicked shall be annihilated or not. It is a consolation to know that it is always safe to obey the Gospel.

Death has removed from our midst, another old landmark. Jacob Miller, aged 85 years and 27 days, died at his home in Union District on June 26th, after a lingering illness. He had resided on the farm where he died, for 57 years. Deceased was the oldest of a family of eight, all of whom survive him. The remains were buried at Mt. Union Cemetery on Sunday, June 28th, and were followed by friends from far and near, making one of the largest funeral processions ever witnessed in this county; there being 80 carriages and other vehicles in the procession. The funeral services were conducted by Eld. J. D. Gass of Uniontown. He had been a member of the German Baptist church for 27 years. Mr. Miller leaves an aged wife and four children. He was a thrifty farmer, a quiet and peaceable citizen, and a man of few words. Peace to his memory.—*The New Dominion, Morgantown, Va.*

We regret to learn that Bro. C. H. Balsbaugh is in quite feeble health. He has long since been a sufferer, but notwithstanding this, he has wielded his pen for the good of his fellow-beings with much energy, and, we hope, with fruitful results. Our sympathy and prayer are extended to him in his affliction.

And now comes the publisher of Jesse Calvert's sermon and says that the *Pittsburgh Commercial* made *Besartiga Misrepresentationen*, (evil misrepresentations) of the church, in giving a report of the Mexico Annual Meeting, and threatens to Boycotte the paper if there is no retraction made. He says: the *Gazette* may easily discover the misrepresentations made. Now this is itself a misrepresentation. The Journal in question gave a very elaborate and truthful history of the church that held the meeting, and we ask all or any who have found fault with it to name the misrepresentations. They cannot find any. It is the truth that hurts. Hence this cry of pain.

PERU, IND., July 17.—Please announce through the paper that we will dedicate our church August 9th. We expect Elders Holsinger and Swihart to be with us, and we extend an invitation to others also. There will be conveyances at Bunker Hill and Peru on Saturday, the day before the feast.

J. M. Fox.

This sounds well: We started our Sunday school a week ago yesterday. We have not organized, but yesterday I carried it all through by the help of God. The brethren will not take hold, so a few of us sisters feel the work must prosper by the help of God. Pray for us. EMILY R. STIFLER.

GLENFORD, OHIO, July 13th.—Our regular appointments, on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening are well attended. On Sunday evening, the house was crowded, and others standing without listening to the Word. May God bless this people for the interest manifested, and bring many souls to Christ. The Spirit is still awakening souls from their slumbers and pointing them to the Lamb of God. Two more were baptized and ushered into the Kingdom on Sunday. Thank God. We are happy.

ALVIN A. COBER.

DAYTON, OHIO, July 14.—Last Sabbath at 10:30 a. m., brother J. P. Martin preached the Gospel to the Brethren in this city. His sermon was interesting and the members were edified.

At 4 p. m., by request, Bro. E. S. Miller held forth the word of life to an attentive congregation in the Christian Church, Dayton View. These and others, messengers of God, are sowing the good seed of the Kingdom preaching the Word, and all the combined powers of darkness cannot make it return void. "It shall not return unto me void," is the language of Jehovah. SAMUEL KIEHL.

BERRIEN, MICH., July 13th.—We, of the Berrien Congregation, are firm in the belief that our creed is the best one ever vouchsafed to man. The canon of the Lord of life and glory—which is the infallible rule by

which we can obtain heaven and immortal life. Therefore we rest, yet, seeking for glory, immortality, eternal life.

The tone of the EVANGELIST is good; it comes each week sparkling with good thoughts which cheer us to increase our usefulness, and more zealously prosecute the work our hands find to do. We all, with united voice, ought to be thankful for the success and prosperity that has crowned our efforts since the reorganization of the Brethren. Yet our warfare is not ended, we need not expect to sail clear of the many obstacles which, of a necessity, we have to encounter. Although the promises of the Lord are sure, and not yea, and nay, but yea and amen to every one who will war a good warfare; the result of which will be an everlasting salvation, that eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for them that love him. Love is of God, therefore if we love God, we will keep his commandments. A. J. INGLEIGHT.

TIOSA, IND., July 7.—To-day I attended the regular appointment at the Tiosa church. Sunday school at 10 o'clock, after which there was preaching by the writer. At this point we have a large school and everybody seems to be enthused with the work. At 3 o'clock of the afternoon of the same day, attended the appointment at the Forest school house. At this meeting we found a decided improvement over the last one. Nearly everybody feels good. At 7 o'clock had services at the church in town. Congregations were large. At the close of the services gave the usual invitation and one came forward, and thus our number was increased. Praise the Lord.

TIOSA, IND., July 11.—Attended a communion meeting at Burns' Chapel in brother Noah Heeter's district. Quite a number present, and the meeting was very enjoyable. The brethren and sisters seemed to be built up in the faith. This district embraces quite an extent of territory and the membership is considerably scattered. Brother Heeter has more than he can do, and do it as it ought to be done. So brother preachers give him help when you can, and your labor will be appreciated.

Met with the people at our new church south of the Bend to day; congregation larger and the interest better than usual. Hope there may be some good done at this point yet. J. W. FITZGERALD.

BUNKER HILL, IND., July 12.—The final result of our meeting near Easton, Ind., was 22 added to the church, 15 by baptism, and seven by relation notwithstanding the opposition.

Two more were baptized at Manchester, recently. So the good work goes on. Yesterday, one young man was baptized at Bunker Hill. May the Lord prosper the work at that place.

I am now on my way to visit the scenes of my childhood; and once more to visit the churchyard and stand by the sacred mounds that mark the resting-place of father and mother where they have lain these thirty five years, they having died in my

infancy. Expect to preach in the house where I spent my first school days; but where are the classmates? My little son, Orva, is with me. With love to all, WM. W. SUMMERS.

HUNTINGDON, IND., July 5th.—

Our communion was very enjoyable. Five were baptized before the meeting, and we were very agreeably surprised by Bro. Holsinger and Bro. Hamilton coming in ample time for the services.

I have often thought that if our minds were more on Christ, and his sufferings, and not so much on things around us, it might be of lasting benefit to all communicants. Just a few days before the communion, we were called upon to anoint a Conservative sister. Elder J. C. Murray of the North Manchester German Baptist church, kindly accepted an invitation and took part in the solemn rite. To think that we could perform that solemn service together, and yet not go on the stand together, seems strange, does it not?

I am just in receipt of a letter from E. H. Veil and wife, formerly of this congregation, but have united with the Methodist and now want to be received into the church of the Brethren. Their address is Chanute P. O., Neosho Co., Kansas. I have referred them to Jonathan Warren, and Jacob W. Beer. I saw the latter had an article in a late issue, with a view to visiting scattered members. Brother Oliver Smith and wife, of Conway Springs, Sumner Co., Kan., are worthy members that moved from here but a short time ago, and are not permanently located as yet. Brethren, visit them. This reminds me of a move we have on foot here in Indiana: to appoint two brethren who are to make it a speciality to look after such work as the above, then scattered members would know whom to address. Yours in Christ. R. K. BINKLEY.

ROCKWELL CITY, KAN., Jul. 10.—We are located in the Northwestern part of Kan. We have reason to believe that our Master who foresees all things, has permitted our lot to be cast among a faithful few of his children, who are energetic in the service of their Lord and Master. We had the glorious privilege of attending two feasts of love; the one held at Beaver City, Neb., June 20th, with Eld. C. Forney, of Burr Oak, Kan., officiating. He conducted the meetings with credit to the Cause, with several additions by baptism. May the Lord bless them and keep them faithful to the end, and may they become bright and shining lights to the world.

At our home church, June 27, we also had an enjoyable feast, with the same elder officiating, and one addition by baptism. May the Lord bless the dear brother and keep him steadfast in the path of right and duty. We have an interesting church here; much love and zeal is manifested, though the opposing element is strong and exerting every effort. The Brethren will come out all right in the end if they hold to the principles of divine truth.

We are attempting to build us a new church house, small, but the expense is great to what it is East where material is

plenty. Although we are poor in this world's goods, if the Lord will, we will have sufficient means to complete the same. Some of the Brethren of Eastern Nebraska have lent us a helping hand. We feel to thank them, and may Jesus amply reward them for the same. Our Sabbath school is progressing finely, with Bro. Albert Collins for Superintendent. Bro. C. is thoroughly competent to fill the place, and hope the Lord may prosper him that he may realize what a blessing it is to train young minds in the path of rectitude.

CYRUS KIMMELL.

COLUMBIANA, O.—Tell the readers of the EVANGELIST that I am still interested in its mission; and that although I have not found it convenient to write much for its columns of late, I still, as Bro. Ridenour said, find time to read it. It contains much that is worth reading twice over. I feel very grateful for the good advice contained in "Bearing Burdens," by brother J. P. Martin. We extend our sympathy to brother Bauman and family in their sad misfortune. May the Spirit gently interpret the meaning to their sorrow-stricken hearts. We wish that brother Holsinger would visit Columbiانا. Hope he will interpret this as an invitation. The possibilities are that he might be able to say; It was good for me to be there. L. SLOTTOR.

MARRIED.

ULLERY—HUCHENS.—On the evening of July 4th, brother Joseph Ullery, and Miss Clara Huchens.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

DIED.

FOLKERTH.—Near Greenville, O., July 10, 1885, sister Isabella, wife of Bro. Christopher Folkert, aged 46 years, one month, and 23 days. Funeral services by Rev. J. P. Martin and the writer, at the Aley U. B. church, east of Dayton. Interment at the same place.

Sister Folkert was a member of the U. B. church for many years. She lived and died a child of God in Christ Jesus. A husband and three children survive to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and loving mother. "Be ye also ready." SAMUEL KIEHL.

Death Has Entered.

On Sunday, July 12, at 3 p. m., sister Libbie, wife of brother W. M. Shank, died at her home in Orange township, Black Hawk county, Iowa. She was a daughter of brother Samuel Cain, and was born in Cambria county, Pa., February 6, 1856. The circumstances surrounding her death were very peculiar and sad. She had been afflicted about one year with abdominal dropsy. On Thursday before her death she was operated upon by a member of the medical fraternity for the removal of a supposed tumor, from the effects of which she died at the date above given. Sister Shank united with the church during a revival meeting conducted by brother J. H. Swihart in the fall of 1883, and until death she lived an earnest and exemplary Christian life. She was all sunshine and no shadow, and had a remarkable hold on the affections of those intimately acquainted with her disposition and habits of life. On Tuesday July 14, her funeral was preached at the First Baptist church in the city of Waterloo, to a large assembly of relatives and friends, the writer officiating. This is the first one of our membership that has passed hence since the organization of our congregation. But she was as fully prepared for the journey as any that are left behind. She has left the memory of a sweet, lovable life, and of her, as of all the pious dead, can be confidently said,

"He giveth His beloved sleep."

She was not afraid to go, and we were not afraid to leave her go although the sense of her loss is deep and painful, our hope is the Christian's. We can live to meet her. S. H. BASHOR.